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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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It would be well, as has been frequently remarked, if the Minister were to make more frequent tours of the treaty ports and confer with the British communities there. Also, as suggested by "SESEX," the information obtainable from the members of the missionary body should be carefully collected by a regularly organized intelligence office attached to the Embassy. Another valuable means of obtaining information would be by the employment of trained native agents engaged at fixed salaries whose duty it would be to make regular reports on the political talk of the shopkeepers the capital and chief towns of the provinces. Other means of obtaining information would no doubt suggest themselves to a skilled intelligence officer. "SESEX" does not exaggerate the importance of having such an officer connected with the Legation. The home Government may have clear ideas of the line of policy they wish to follow with regard to China, but while they remain ignorant, and allow the Minister to remain ignorant, of the daily course of events, they are liable at any time to have their hands inconveniently forced or to have their policy wrecked altogether.

There were 1,751 visitors to the City Hall, Museum last week, of whom 199 were Europeans. We have to acknowledge receipt of No. 3 of The Yellow Dragon, the Queen's College Journal. Today's post contains—Jubilee Mining and Tracting Co. Limited, The Yokohama Special Bank Limited, &c.

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At Saigon, on the 18th September, Lieutenant Stauder, the commander of the French gunboat *Crocodile*, killed himself with a revolver shot in a hack carriage in the street. The deceased had a stroke of the sun, and it is supposed that the suicide resulted from an attack of fever.

Fire broke out on board the China Mutual Steamship Company's steamer *Paddington*, under repair at the docks of Uraga, about 4 in. on 27th September. Part of her cargo was burnt, while the hull received slight damage. The fire is said to have originated from tobacco ashes dropped from a pipe.—*Register of Posts*.

Captain Grick of the German steamer *Szczecin*, which arrived at Singapore on the 29th September, reported that on the voyage from Nanking a crew of fifteen Japanese was picked up from a Japanese junk on the East coast of China in Lat. 27° 2' E. and Long. 121° 29' 29" E. They were landed in Singapore.

Kwangchowwan is undergoing an experience of life at Hongkong, and the day before he left the French Legation, he was arrested where it originally took place, and there is reason to suppose that his efforts to stamp out the vice will be successful before long, as at this time of the year the disease is of a much less virulent type than in spring. Two or three of the cattle have died.

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Dr. Riepler, the German Consul, who is now on a visit to Japan, has had an unpleasant experience. Whilst travelling by train from Keikoku to Tokyo, the *Japan Gazette* says, he was robbed of his bag containing £1,000 in gold and silver, &c., soldiers of the marine infantry, and four rifles. The turning over of the soil for public improvements causes a severe type of malaria fever.

The outbreak of rinderpest at Pekking has not yet spread, and the herd where it originally took place, there is reason to suppose that the efforts to stamp out the vice will be successful before long, as at this time of the year the disease is of a much less virulent type than in spring. Two or three of the cattle have died.

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Mr. Conner, the U.S. Minister to China, having returned from Canton in the *Princeton*, is staying for a short time at the Peak. He will return to Shanghai in the *Doris*, from whence proceeding to the Yangtze ports in the *Albion*. He speaks highly of the prospects of American trade in China, saying that it has been steadily increasing for some time, particularly up north.

The M. M. steamer *Sydney*, carrying the French mail, which left Saigon at 1 p.m. on Thursday, and was expected on Friday, had not arrived last night. She has doubtless been delayed by the exceptionally strong north-east monsoon. The P. & O. steamer *Shanghaian*, which arrived from Singapore on Sunday, will probably arrive very early Saturday on the way up to Hongkong. The contract for nine months, the *Mitsui* Bishi Company has ordered its branch office at *Nankin* to undertake the task. The Company, however, has not the resources at hand to fill such a large order and will probably seek the co-operation of the *Mitsui* Company.

Truly, coffee has fallen to a low estate, says "The Moralist" of the *Straits Times*. Look at the *China Daily News*. Two thousand men of land with buildings with 500 acres of coffee in full cultivation and three hundred horses in bearing, and with a frontage of two-and-a-half miles to a railway, all sold for £250, £1 as acre for coffee in bearing! Why? It costs £20 to £25 an acre to bring it to such a condition. The purchaser might have had it cheaper, too, had he not started bidding at his own agent. That was silly, yet he may do well. He should his low and carry things on merrily until coffee improves in price some few years hence.

At the Magistracy yesterday an American blue-jacket named Edward Howard was fined \$100 and ordered to pay compensation for damaging property at a jeweller's shop at 153, Queen's Road Central, on Sunday night. The defendant and two other men went into the shop and took some watches. Three were handed to them and asked them to return the watches, but they refused to do so, and then more watches, whenupon the defendant smacked two of them. Mr. Melbourne appeared for the prosecution.

The *Kokumin* tells the story of a naturalized Englishman, who since 1893 has been a constable in the Bonin Islands. He is named Mr. Webb. His father, whose name is Thomas H. Webb, arrived there in 1873, and his wife, with his son, and engaged in missionary labours for many years, during which he had several children. Henry Webb has a third son, and soon after, his birth his father became a Japanese subject. The young man came up to Tokyo on business a few days ago and was interviewed by Mr. J. R. Simpson, Resident of the Metropolitan Police Department. He is known to Japanese as "Uyoku" Henry. *Koko Herald*.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[FROM THE *HONG KONG HERALD*.]

A DOMINION LINER ASHORE.—

London, 1st October. The Dominion Liner *Scandinavian* (8041 tons gross) has gone ashore.

Eleven women were drowned, and a man broke out among the crew.

BURNING OF A RIVER STEAMER.

London, 1st October.

The Montoya has been burnt on the Magdalena River (which runs through Columbia).

Thirty lives were lost, among those who perished being the Secretary of the Treasury of Columbia.

PICQUART EXONERATED.

London, 29th September.

Colonel Picquart (who was proceeded against by the French General Staff for his action in support of Dreyfus) has been officially exonerated.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT KRUGER.

London, 29th September.

The Times correspondent in the Transvaal has had an interview with President Kruger, who declared that war was inevitable unless England made peace possible. He further declared that after the Transvaal had accepted the peace terms put forward by the British, the frontier of negotiations would probably be drawn by Great Britain, and British troops were massed on all sides of the Transvaal frontier.

EDWARD CLARKE ON THE CRISIS.

Sir Edward Clarke Q.C. (Conservative member for Plymouth and Solicitor-General in Lord Salisbury's last Cabinet), has made a speech at Plymouth in which he declares that the Transvaal would not agree to the peace terms proposed by the British, and that war was inevitable unless England made peace possible.

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The PRINCIPAL OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE.

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